

[19th October 1927]

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Again the hon. Member is arguing.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The hon. Member's suggestion will receive attention.”

Minor Irrigation

Prohibition of the erection of cross-bunds across the Innambur channel.

* 701 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Innambur channel known as Raghavan Vaikal is the only recognized irrigation source for Thimmagudi, Madhavapuram and Innambur villages in Kumbakonam taluk, Tanjore district ;

(b) whether the mirasidars have enjoyed immemorially the right of erecting cross-bunds across the above channel whenever necessary so as to enable the channel water to rise to the level of the fields and to irrigate them ;

(c) whether the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kumbakonam, passed proceedings on 18th January 1927, prohibiting the erecting by mirasidars of cross-bunds and whether he communicated the order R. Dis. No. 3429 of 1926-A/5 to the mirasidars of Thimmagudi and Madhavapuram villages ;

(d) whether such a prohibition of an immemorial right will practically make the cultivation of several fields impossible, especially in times of low freshes ; and

(e) whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the matter and have the proceedings of the Revenue Divisional Officer, referred to above, cancelled ?

A.—(a) According to the settlement register the Raghavan Vaikal is the only recognized source of irrigation in the Thimmagudi and Madhavapuram villages. The sources of irrigation of the Innambur village according to the settlement register are (1) Esagaram Vaikal, (2) Thimmagudi Vaikal and (3) Gangadarapuram Vaikal.

(b), (c), & (d) The Government do not know if the facts are as suggested in these questions.

(e) No, as it is open to any ryot who considers that he is aggrieved by any order of the Revenue Divisional Officer to appeal to higher authorities.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Taking the answer to clauses (b), (c) and (d), that ‘ the Government do not know if the facts are as suggested in these questions ’, may I ask the hon. Member for Revenue whether the facts are not as stated in the question ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The answer is in the negative.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ The question was sent on the 9th of August, and I think they had sufficient time to make enquiries. May I still request the hon. the Revenue Member to ascertain whether the facts are as stated in the question ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The answer is contained in clause (e).”